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and many others in the United States and around the globe!!!

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(*) EMERGENCY FUNDING *

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(*) The following is an important closed circuit advisory. *

(*) Attention all bulletin stations. *

(*) We have received word from our support fund admin- *

(*) istrator that the monies needed to pay the our monthly *

(*) bills is once again dangerously low. According to N6TCQ, *

(*) after paying some bills there is only about \$750 in the *

(*) account, over a \$1000 a month in bills coming in every 30 *

(*) days. *

(*) The bottom line is that this is an emergency situation. *

including fast scan ATV.

The German design team has not announced a date when the Safex Two orbital repeater will come on line, but using it will not be the same as using your favorite local machine. While it will give coverage over hundreds if not thousands of miles, you will need the plenty of power and ability to computer track the MIR space station with a beam antenna in order to use it. Alternatively, hams might consider setting up gateway repeaters, FM repeaters on any band tied to other repeaters with the ability to track the MIR. This, so that any ham with a handheld can enjoy the soon to be on the air repeater in space.

In the meantime, regular users of MIR can talk directly to DR4TR who will be on the air using the call sign DP0MIR on the normal 2 meter frequencies of Primary frequencies of 145.800, 145.550, and possibly 145.200 MHz. These frequencies were adopted as standard for MIR and SAREX shuttle activities at the IARU session of this year's AMSAT-UK Colloquium. QSLs for contacts with this mission will be handled via the usual German DARC QSL bureau.

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FCC DOWNSIZES

The federal Communications Commission may downsize and close its monitoring stations. This could have a serious impact on Amateur Radio as we hear from Paul Courson WA3VJB in Washington:

The FCC may automate all nine of its monitoring stations across the country and run them by remote control from its facility near Washington. And personnel layoffs proposed by FCC Commissioner Reed Hunt would be another side affect of budget cutting in congress.

Hunt told the Washington Post, He sees a mandate from lawmakers to make the agency smaller. Hunt would fire 180 workers under the plan and close a dozen regional and field offices by this time next year.

If the downsizing is carried out, it would be the largest payroll reduction in the 51 year history of the FCC. But Hunt says even if the cuts in fact are carried out they might not last.

He said telecommunications rules are changing. And that more people will eventually be needed to oversee those changes. He said as many as 80 additional responsibilities could come from the Telecom Legislation recently past by the House and Senate. The bill has yet to become law. At the same time the House has proposed freezing the commissions budget for next year. No word yet what the Senate might do with the FCC's budget. The issue faces lawmakers when they return from the August recess.

But Hunt is acting on a worst case scenario in the meantime. He would close nine of twenty five local field offices responsible for resolving interference complaints. He would also close half the regional field offices of the FCC. Cutting Atlanta, Boston, and Seattle from the six the agency now has.

As for the monitoring stations, the FCC Commissioner believes all nine can be operated remotely by the agencies main tracking facility at Gilford, Maryland. That is about fifteen miles outside of Washington.

Hunt says he would preserve the enforcement workforce. While cutting jobs in public affairs and administration. The FCC in recent years has shied away from initial direct action on complaints in the amateur service. Directing reports instead to a volunteer core charged with building a case. It's not yet clear whether the FCC might distance further from many intervention disputes on the ham bands. Leaving it up to hams themselves to settle things or put up with problems.

Again, Chairman Hundt is talking about a worse case scenario. Only time will tell how far the downsizing will have to go.

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OKLAHOMA HAMS PRAISED

Ham radio has received words of praise for its part in relief efforts following last springs terrorist bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City. Oklahoma Senator Don Nickles has entered into the Congressional Record a tribute to volunteers who helped in the aftermath of the April bombing of the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, including Amateur Radio operators.

In his remarks, Nickles cites an outpouring of love, selfless effort, and resources. He says that the community is indebted to those volunteers who created a silver lining to the dark cloud of the tragedy.

Specifically Nickles says that Amateur Radio operators provided an essential service to rescue operations. Within minutes of the attack, operators were on the scene providing an emergency communication network that allowed for the organization of supplies as well as firemen, policemen, and rescue crews from countless communities.

Their contribution of 360 hours of service, Nickles says was made possible by donations from electronics companies such as the Oklahoma Community Communications Center.

Senator Nickles's remarks were published in the August 11th Congressional Record.

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A fifteen year old from Alton, Illinois has been honored as the 1995 Newsline Young Ham of the Year. Adam Weyhaupt, N9MEZ, received the honors August 19th at the recent Huntsville Hamfest Banquet.

Adam was chosen for his many contributions to the community through the use of amateur radio. During the midwest floods for 1993, Adam who was thirteen at the time, was in charge of scheduling hams for round the clock emergency communications. He also handled net control duties for a local disaster net.

The following year, Adam served as a key communications organizer for the fifteen day U.S. Olympic Festival in St. Louis. And if that is not enough, Adam acts as a net manager for a local emergency service net. He is active in the local Skywarn Network and edits a regional Skywarn newsletter.

"The hobbies can be an important part of a young persons life. It gives them valuable life experiences and provides them the opportunity to meet a wide variety of people.

Ham radio is certainly a unique hobby, by these standards. It is one of the few hobbies where you can have a good time and yet help so many people. And while you should certainly have a good time, I strongly encourage all of you to use your communications talents to help other people in whatever you can do. Because that is what ham radio is really about.

Whatever you decide to do, just jump in with both feet and do the best job that you can do. And people will remember you, because you have done such a good job and you will be helping many people." Adam Weyhaupt, N9MEZ.

As part of his award, Adam received the Yaesu FT-840 HF rig and FP-800 power supply from corporate sponsor Yaesu, USA. Chip Margelli, K7JA pays tribute to Adams many accomplishments.

"We feel that leadership is important to amateur radio because frankly as we all know in radio clubs leaders are hard to find. Leaders get worn out. Leaders are asked to do too many things. And yet when we have leaders full of enthusiasm, with new ideas we think that is something that is good and should be encouraged."
K7JA

The Newsline Young Ham of the Year Award is sponsored jointly by Newsline, Yaesu USA and CQ Magazine.

By the way, the nominating period for the 1996 10th anniversary Young Ham of the Year award is now open. Nominating forms are available from Newsline for an S.A.S.E. or can be downloaded from the ham radio files area on Genie or America Online.

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NEW ZEALAND YHOTY

The United States is not the only country that is honoring its young hams. New Zealand has a very active awards program for its younger radio amateurs.

For some years now NZART, the society representing radio amateurs in New Zealand has conducted awards recognizing youth achievement in amateur radio.

There are two youth awards made annually. An achievement award for the best amateur radio examination result obtained by a candidate under eighteen years old. And the Young Amateur of the Year Award. Awarded to an amateur under eighteen years of age who has demonstrated service to amateur radio in any one of a range of fields of achievement.

Now this years Young Amateur of the Year Award was made to eleven year old Pamela Blackert, ZL1WPB of North Shore in Auckland City. Recently I asked Pamela how it felt to be Young Amateur of the Year.

"It was very exciting and a big surprise and a great privilege to win the Young Amateur of the Year for 1995 at the annual conference." ZL1WPB

Well Pamela to the examination in September of 1994 while still at primary school and just ten years of age. She completed both her examination papers in just twenty two minutes. Tutored by her father Dave, ZL1AD, Pamela is the third generation of Blackerts to be licensed. Her Granddad was ZL2HD. Pamela attends local radio club meetings and participates in the amateur radio emergency organization. Within minutes of getting her callsign she was active on the New Zealand National HF system.

She was also in regular contact with MIR on voice and packet. She struck up a rapport with cosmonaut saying that she reminded him of his granddaughter.

Newsline congratulates both of these youngsters on their service to Amateur Radio and on their awards.

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NEW VK 10 METER BAND REPEATER

Still in the South Pacific, VK5VB reports that Australia's Adelaide 10 meter repeater on 29.620 / 29.520 MHz is now operational. The repeater is located just South East of Adelaide and was constructed by VK5AH. Any QSL reports can be

sent via packet to VK5VB@VK5LZ.

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RSGB TO INAUGURATE SPECIAL MEMBER RATES

The Radio Society of Great Britain says that it has approved measures to reward long-standing members of the Society. When RSGB membership rates rise this fall, continuous members for 50 years or more will receive a 50% discount; 60-year continuous members will get a free ride for the rest of their lives. The RSGB also plans a new "Junior Membership" category. The RSGB, like its counterparts in other countries is raising membership rates as it faces rising costs of both paper and postage.

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RSGB CON

And the RSGB International HF Convention will take place at Old Windsor in Berkshire on the 9th and 10th of September. The event will feature lectures and presentations from some of the world's top HF operators and DXers, including Roger Balister, G3KMA, who will give two presentations on the RSGB's Islands On The Air awards program.

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RICHARD COTTON, W8DX, S.K.

Back in the United States, some sad news to report. Former FCC Detroit Field Office, engineer Richard Cotton, W8DX, has died. Cotton, 89, passed away on July 29th.

Richard Cotton was first licensed in the early 1920's, and held W8LEC before becoming W8DX. An active DXer, he was one of the first amateurs on the Oscar satellites and held satellite DXCC.

A career veteran with the FCC he joined the Federal Radio Commission's Detroit office in the early 1930's. He was a government employee of the FRC and then the Federal Communications Commission continuously until retiring in 1971, finishing his career as engineer in charge.

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ZIFF DAVIS AWARDS

Ziff-Davis Publishing has announced the 1995 winners of the Ziff-Davis Shareware Awards. This is an annual competition to recognize the best in new or significantly upgraded PC shareware programs introduced during the previous year. The winners were honored at an awards ceremony Friday evening, June 23rd, during the Shareware Industry Conference in Scottsdale, Ariz.

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DX-ET

In DX, word that Ethiopian station ET3AA frequents 14.224 MHz around 02:00 UTC. QSL him to Post Office Box 60258, Addis Ababa. On CW, look for ET3YU at the low end of 20 meters around 22:30 UTC. QSL this station via YU1FW.

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HAPPY TOWER

And DXers with antenna problems will be happy to learn that not every tower is unwelcome. In fact, a tower raised to 100 feet over the small town of Wayland, Iowa, will benefit student hams at the town's school. The editor of Popular Communications Magazine has the details:

"The tower erected at the school late last month will support antennas for students who operate the schools amateur radio station, KB0SAL.

The tower was obtained from state surplus two years ago when it was taken out of service. The tower was erected near the Junior-Senior High Building in Wayland, Iowa and joins two other towers supporting antennas currently used by the school ham station. Fred Haber, the schools Challenge Program coordinator planned and directed the project. Through the efforts of the Waco School District administrators and workers, permission was obtained to move the tower and its associated parts to the farm community of Wayland for use by the school ham station. With the new towers, student hams at the school will be able to broaden the access to the world in allowing them to meet and communicate with persons all over the world. Haber said a number of inter disciplinary projects involving students who are not hams also may be undertaken.

Haber cited that the benefit of having foreign language students communicate with Spanish speaking hams in Central and South America. Or having students enhance their geography lessons real world links to other states and countries. He also sees cooperative class projects in cultural studies, weather, soil and water resources.

The tower project actually became a community project in Wayland as residents with certain expertise helped with various stages of construction and the towns telephone company lent technical support from its staff. Adult hams from surrounding areas in Henry and Washington Counties pitched in as well as a half dozen student amateur operators.

In addition to benefiting the students the new tower will also

benefit southeast Iowa hams. Packet will be digipeated off of the tower once the equipment is setup." Chuck Gysi, N2DUP

Chuck will have a complete wrap up on this story in an upcoming edition of Popular Communications Magazine.

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ROSALIE WHITE JOINS YHOTY

Word that 1995 Radio Amateur of the Year, Rosalie White, WA1ST0 has accepted an invitation to help guide Newsline's Young Ham of the Year Awards program into the next century.

As most of you are aware, Rosalie is the manager of the ARRL's Educational Activities Department where one of her duties is to coordinates the leagues' continuing education workshops held at conventions around the country. WA1ST0 is also a member of the SAREX Working Group and in both positions she works very closely with the educational community.

Rosalie White joins Rich Moseson, NW2L of CQ Magazine, Capt. Larry Zettwoch, KR4IF of US Air, Keith Glispie, WA6TFD, of Fox Television and Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF, of Newsline in serving on the Young Ham of the Year Awards Steering Committee.

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